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## LEE E. BURNS DIES SUDDENLY

**LEADING MERCHANT OF THE CITY  
PASSED AWAY AT HIS PLACE  
OF BUSINESS THURSDAY AFTER-  
NOON SHORTLY AFTER FOUR  
O'CLOCK.**

Lee E. Burns, for many years a leading merchant of the city, interested with his brother and other relatives in stores here, in Greenwood, Anderson and Greenville, died suddenly of heart failure in the up-town store in this city Thursday afternoon a few minutes after four o'clock. The end came without warning. During the day he was apparently in good health and had been about his usual business duties. Just prior to his collapse he had been assisting in marking up goods newly arrived from the shipper. As the task was finished he was seen to bend over and clasp his head in his hands. Employees of the store came to his assistance and laid him down where he could be comfortable, but in a few moments he passed away without reviving sufficiently to speak.

The funeral was held from his home on Church street Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock, Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducting the services, being assisted by Rev. P. F. Kilgo, of the First Methodist church, and Rev. C. T. Squires, of the First Presbyterian church. After the services at the house the body was borne to the Laurens cemetery where it was laid to rest in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mr. Burns was from the Warrior Creek section of the county. In early life he came to Laurens and entered business in a modest way. His business constantly expanded until at the time of his death he and his brother, J. C. Burns, of Greenwood, owned or controlled stores in Laurens, Greenwood, Anderson and Greenville, doing one of the largest businesses in this section of the state. He had investments in real estate and was a director in the Palmetto and Laurens National Banks and Laurens Glass Works.

In early life the deceased connected himself with the Warrior Creek Baptist church and retained his membership there to the end although being a consistent attendant and worker in the First Baptist church of this city.

Mr. Burns is survived by his widow, who was Miss Eliza Cheek, of the county, and three children, as follows: Mrs. Carl Roper, of this city; Mrs. Fred West, of Jonesboro, Ga.; and Miss Eula Burns, of this city. One brother, J. C. Burns, of Greenwood, and two sisters, Mrs. Perry Thompson, of Spartanburg, and Mrs. Bob Taylor, of Fountain Inn, also survive him. At the time of his death he was 54 years of age.

No definite announcement has been made as yet as to the future conduct of the local Burns stores, but it is understood that the business will be continued as in the past but under the general supervision of Mr. J. C. Burns, of Greenwood.

## FINAL VOTE ANNOUNCED

**State Democratic Committee Met in  
Columbia Yesterday to Tabulate  
Votes.**

Columbia, Sept. 4.—The State Democratic Executive Committee meets here at noon tomorrow to tabulate the vote in the recent primary. It is understood that several protests are to be brought before the committee.

The official vote in the governor race as tabulated by H. N. Edmunds, secretary of the committee is: Blease 77,619; Cantey 1,258; Coleman 3,780; Duncan 1,777; Laney 23,045; McLeod 65,682.

## Joins Advertiser Staff

Miss Eleanor Ball, daughter of W. W. Ball, editor of The State and for many years editor of The Advertiser, has joined the force of The Advertiser in the capacity of local reporter and has begun her duties. Miss Ball is a graduate of Radcliffe University and desires to expand her education by entering the field in which her father and grandfather, the late Col. B. W. Ball, made signal successes. Miss Ball is making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. B. W. Ball, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Copeland.

## NEGRO MUTE HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

**Harry Williams, 18 Year Old Negro  
Mute, Charged with the Murder of  
8 Year Old Negro Child. Grandfather  
Held as Accessory.**

Harry Williams, 18 year old negro mute, is being held in the county jail as a suspect in connection with the death of Effie Halter, 8 year old orphan negro girl, whose dead body was found Saturday afternoon in a clump of weeds about half a mile north of the Laurens Cotton Mills village after a search which had been going on for her since about two o'clock the day before. Joe Williams, grandfather of the mute, is being held as accessory after the fact, peace officers connecting him with the effort of the mute to hide the body of the girl and cover up evidence of the crime. Harry Williams was arrested Saturday night and Joe Williams Sunday morning.

The Halter child was first missed from the home of Sam Griffin, her uncle, some time Friday afternoon. A search began then which lasted until Saturday afternoon when police officers were lead to the dead body of the child by Harry Williams, who lived with his grandfather nearby. His peculiar behavior at this time and the subsequent finding of a bloody axe and blood-stained clothes on the premises of Joe Williams lead to their arrest.

The indications are that the girl was killed by a blow on the head with a blunt instrument and that she was murdered in the yard of Joe Williams. The opinion prevails that the Williams boy, who is said to have a bad reputation, flew into a rage and struck the girl down probably over a trivial difference, as it is said that he has an ungovernable temper. Blood stains were found in the yard and in the path that leads from Joe Williams' house to the little swamp where the body was concealed for 24 hours there were traces of blood according to the officers who investigated the case today and made the arrests. The presumption is that after the killing, the mute and his grandfather carried the body of the child to the weeds and hid it.

## MAMMOTH BAND MEETING

**Bands from All Surrounding Counties  
to Gather at Watts Mills Saturday.**

Through the efforts of W. F. Nickerson, leader of the Watts Mills Band a mammoth get-together band meeting is to be held at Watts Mills Saturday afternoon beginning about 2 o'clock and lasting until night. The object of the meeting is to bring the bands of the upper part of the state into closer relationship with each other and to promote a musical atmosphere in the mill villages.

A program has been arranged by which each band will play several selections and then the combined bands will play a program together. Among the bands already invited, most of which have accepted the invitations, are those from Greenville, Spartanburg, Whitmire, Clinton, Newberry, Laurens, Pelzer, Piedmont, Union and Columbia.

## Ball Game at Watts

Moseley and Bobo, pitching "aces" of the Carolina League who have gone up to the Spartanburg team, will probably face each other on the Watts Mills diamond Saturday afternoon when the Laurens Mills and Watts Mills teams will play each other. Moseley has already been signed for the Laurens Mills, while Bobo's twirling is practically assured for Watts. The game will start at 4:30 o'clock when a big crowd is expected.

## LANEY WILL VOTE FOR McLEOD At Chesterfield Saturday Sena- tor Laney gave out the following signed statement:

"As I have been approached for a statement as to my attitude in the next primary, I wish to state that my position was well defined in my speech at Allendale in the recent campaign, in which I stated that I had never supported Mr. Blease. The principles advocated by me were in line with those expressed by Mr. McLeod and I expect to vote for him in the next primary. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to those who supported me in the recent primary."  
(Signed) "GEORGE K. LANEY."

## NASH CONTESTS WATTS VICTORY

**CLOSE RACE IN CONTEST FOR  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR BRINGS  
ON CONTEST BY DEFEATED CAN-  
DIDATE. HEARING TO BE HELD  
THURSDAY.**

The nomination of John D. W. Watts as supervisor of the county as declared by the Democratic executive committee in a two-day meeting last week has been formally protested by his opponent, W. M. Nash, in a notice filed with Chairman C. A. Power through Featherstone & Knight, attorneys. Grounds for the protest were not stated in the paper served on Chairman Power and had not been given yesterday afternoon when Mr. Power was asked about the matter. The protest is filed with the county committee and not with the state committee.

Immediately upon receipt of the protest Mr. Power issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee to be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. At that time the protest will be considered.

It will be recalled that according to the figures received by telephone to The Advertiser office last Tuesday night, Mr. Nash appeared elected over Mr. Watts by a margin of two votes. The difficulty of receiving many figures over the telephone prevented an accurate count being made. When the votes of the managers were tabulated by the executive committee Thursday morning the odds turned in favor of Mr. Watts, the first official count resulting as follows:

Nash ..... 2,490  
Watts ..... 2,492

At this point it was called to the attention of the committee that in some boxes certain tickets had been laid aside and not counted for any office because the voter had left four instead of three names in the race for House of Representatives. On motion of J. W. Wells, of Gray Court, these ballots were counted for all races except House of Representatives. Upon the second official tabulation of ballots the vote resulted as follows:

Nash ..... 2,504  
Watts ..... 2,505

When this result was announced H. S. Blackwell, appearing as attorney for Mr. Nash, requested that the ballots be gone through again and carefully scrutinized and recounted. By a vote of the committee the request was granted, but the committee adjourned to meet Friday morning when all doubtful tickets were passed among the committeemen and attorneys for both parties for examination. No change was made in the result except that Mr. Watts gained one vote at Gray Court. This left the final vote as declared by the committee:

Nash ..... 2,504  
Watts ..... 2,506

In counting the ballots the committee included ballots where the names of candidates had cross marks opposite their names and where it was plain for whom the voter intended as his choice. It is reliably stated that Mr. Nash gained more votes from this decision than Mr. Watts. One partly mutilated ballot was thrown out, though common report has it that it will play a prominent part in the protest proceedings. The ballot was torn opposite the name of the candidates for supervisor. Mr. Nash's name remained entirely on the ticket and all of Mr. Watts' name except the last two letters. There were no pencil marks on either name discernible to the naked eye.

There were comparatively few changes in other races for county offices. C. D. Nance and W. L. Gray were declared nominated for the House of Representatives, while J. O. Barnett and James L. Browning will make the second race. Ben A. Sullivan, Jr., and Miss Kate Wofford make the second race for superintendent of education. Toy A. Drummond was elected one of the county commissioners, while A. B. Blakely and A. H. Moore make the second race for the other place.

Following are the official totals as declared by the committee:

For Congress, Fourth District  
J. J. McSwain ..... 4,964

For House of Representatives  
J. O. Barnett ..... 1,848

Lady S. Bolt ..... 501  
R. D. Boyd ..... 1,025  
James L. Browning ..... 1,731

## CITY SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

**ALL IN READINESS FOR THE  
MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSION IN  
THEIR HISTORY. TEMPORARY  
FRAME BUILDING TO TAKE  
CARE OF OVERFLOW.**

The Laurens City Schools expect to open next Monday with the largest enrollment that they have ever had. Already more than forty pupils from outside districts have been entered, according to H. W. Gasque, superintendent. The new four room frame building is ready to house parts of the second, third and fourth grades.

The following list of teachers will be associated with the city schools this year:

High School—G. W. Estes, York, Principal and Mathematics; Miss Bertha Wyatt, Greenville, Commercial; Miss Sara Babb, Laurens, Latin; Miss Frances Bradham, Manning, English; Miss Lella Walker, Blackville, History; Miss Marguerite Tolbert, Laurens, Eighth Grade Science.

Grammar School—Miss Lilly Miller, Laurens, seventh grade; Miss Meta Tolbert, sixth and seventh grades; Miss Louise McDaniel, Laurens, sixth grade; Miss Macie McCarley, Laurens, fifth grade; Miss Nell Kinard, Epworth, fifth grade; Miss Mary Belle Babb, Laurens, fourth grade; Miss Bruce Owings, Laurens, fourth grade; Miss Ella Roland, Laurens, third grade; Miss Pearl Clardy, Laurens, third grade; Miss Grace Zimmerman, Cameron, second grade; Miss Annie Wellford, second grade; Miss Allene Franks, Laurens, first grade; Mrs. B. L. Jones, Laurens, first grade.

Laurens Mill School—Miss Hattie Kate Easterby, principal and second grade; Miss Julia Childress, third and fourth grades; Miss Virginia Barksdale, first grade.  
Miss Kinard, Miss Zimmerman, Miss Meta Tolbert, and Miss Walker have secured board with Mrs. J. F. Bolt, and Miss Bradham will stay with her mother and sister at Mrs. E. D. Barksdale's.

## First Bale Ginned

The first bale of cotton of the new season was reported on the public square Monday. It was raised on the farm of F. P. McGowan and B. M. Cannon and was ginned by the Laurens Oil Mill. The first bale last year was ginned September 1st.

## Takes Over Filling Station

Mr. Thos. D. Downey who has been with the McDaniel Vulcanizing Station for the past few months, has taken charge of the filling station on East Laurens street where he will be glad to see his friends in the future.

## Pitts Reunion

The Pitts reunion will be held Friday, September 8th at the home of Mr. W. H. Pitts, near Friendship Presbyterian church. Relatives, friends and all have a special invitation to come and bring dinner.

W. L. Gray ..... 2,472  
Phil D. Huff ..... 1,640  
J. C. McDaniel ..... 1,640  
Hugh D. McCravy ..... 1,076  
Carroll D. Nance ..... 2,831  
W. Dennis Owens ..... 686

For Superintendent of Education  
E. Shaw Johnson ..... 1,159  
Mrs. Earl C. Owens ..... 601  
Ben A. Sullivan, Jr. .... 1,225  
Miss Kate V. Wofford ..... 1,992

For Supervisor  
W. M. Nash ..... 2,504  
John D. W. Watts ..... 2,506

For Probate Judge  
O. G. Thompson ..... 4,964

For Treasurer  
R. Jud Langston ..... 1,502  
Ross D. Young ..... 3,592

For Auditor  
Elmore G. Bramlett ..... 1,407  
J. Waddy Thompson ..... 3,606

For County Commissioner  
Joe R. Adair ..... 1,638  
A. B. Blakely ..... 1,742  
Toy A. Drummond ..... 2,416  
J. B. Hitt ..... 1,731  
A. H. Moore ..... 2,032

Rural Police  
The vote on the rural police question was 3797 to 1257 in favor of its retention. Only two boxes, Watts Mills and Dials, voted against it. The vote in the city of Laurens was 754 to 97 in favor of the system.

## REV. S. H. TEMPLEMAN RESIGNS CHARGE

**Pastor of First Baptist Church Hands  
in Resignation to Take Effect Oc-  
tober 1st.**

The resignation of the Rev. Samuel H. Templeman as pastor of the First Baptist church of Laurens, was offered Sunday at the conclusion of the morning service. With regret and reluctance, as expressed by more than one member of the church in the discussion of the motion to accept the tender, the congregation voted the request of the pastor. The resignation is effective October 1st. It is understood that Mr. Templeman has a call to Elizabeth City, N. C., and his resignation from the Laurens church is for the purpose of accepting the invitation to the North Carolina city.

Mr. Templeman has been pastor of the Laurens Baptist church six years. He came to this work from Richmond, Va. The pastorate here has been attended by marked strides in advancing the interest of the church and the denomination, for he has been a recognized leader, or organizer in all the departments of the work of the Laurens association, almost from the first year of his pastorate here. In the civic life of the city and county he has evinced the interest of a patriotic citizen that has been far reaching in its effect for law observance and law enforcement. His influence will be missed, not only in the city, but throughout the county.

## BOBO MAKES GOOD

**Wins Second Full Game Pitched for  
Spartanburg and Gets Big Hand  
From Sports Writer.**

Louis Bobo, alias "Lefty", alias "Old Man" Bobo, star pitching ace for the Laurens team in the Carolina League and who was taken on by the Spartanburg crew of the Sally about the close of the local season, had a fine beginning in higher company, according to newspaper reports. After being worked in several times in part games to get used to higher company, Manager Kelly put him through the full pace with Greenville Friday afternoon and the local boy walked away with the game. The following comment in the sports column of the Spartanburg Herald Saturday shows how he is going with the Kelly Klan:

"Bobo, Laurens county's contribution to Manager Kelly's pitching staff has made an impressive beginning in Class B ball. The little southpaw has pitched excellently in nearly every game in which he was assigned, has had the grit and stamina required of pitchers in the Sally, and can go the full route. While undoubtedly development will help him and improve his mound work, at the present time his unusual steadiness and coolness, together with his ability to toss 'em where they ought to go, ranks him as a real pitcher."

Moseley, another of the Laurens hurlers has also been taken on for a try-out with the Spartanburgers and was worked in the outfield for several innings Thursday. He copped several nice ones in the field, besides making a hit out of two times up, the sports commentator saying that he looked "extra good".

Howard, the locals' star short-stop, has also signed the dotted line with the Spartans, but has not been given an opportunity to show his goods yet. Local fans are counting on him making a big showing when Kelly decides to stick him out between the keystone sack and the hot corner.

## Political Meeting Friday Night

Candidates for county superintendent of education will speak to the voters of Watts Mills Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mr. B. W. Sargee, president of the Watts Mills club yesterday. Mr. Sargee said that other candidates for county office would be cordially invited to attend.

## SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We remind school teachers and college students of the special subscription rate of \$1.00 for the school year.

Subscriptions are payable in advance. In order that these subscriptions may be entered at the same time and on the same section of the mailing list, we urge those expecting to subscribe to do so before leaving home.

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## GOLDVILLE FARMER SLAIN BY NEGRO

**R. M. OXNER SLAIN MONDAY  
NIGHT. BODY FOUND TUESDAY  
MORNING. COLLIER BARKSDALE,  
DALE, ACCUSED OF CRIME, ES-  
CAPES.**

R. M. Oxner, well known white farmer living between Goldville and Kinards in the lower part of the county, was found dead yesterday morning in the barn of Collier Barksdale, share-cropper, with the upper crown of his head beat almost into a jelly and with gunshot wounds in his left arm and left chest. Collier Barksdale, suspected as the assailant, had already disappeared when search for him began yesterday morning and at last reports he had not yet been apprehended.

According to reports from the scene of the homicide, Mr. Oxner went to the home of Barksdale Monday night about nine o'clock and questioned him about his absence from the farm when his crop needed attention. An argument and difficulty followed in which both sides used firearms. Mr. Oxner using a pistol and Barksdale a shot-gun. The wife of Barksdale, from whom only meagre details of the difficulty have been wrung, has not indicated which one of the two men fired first. Barksdale received a bullet in his arm, but was evidently able to overpower Mr. Oxner and club him to death with the shotgun. A trail of blood to the barn shows that the body was then dragged there feet foremost and face downward where it was left.

Barksdale during the night went to the home of a Mr. Johnson nearby and asked for the payment of wages due him on account of work done that day, saying that Mr. Oxner had shot him and that he wanted to get medical help. Mr. Johnson, not suspecting anything more serious from the negro's talk, gave the matter little thought during the night but next morning recited the negro's story to Mr. Will Blalock who, in turn, told Rural Policeman Abrams. Mr. Abrams went to the Barksdale house to make an investigation and found Mr. Oxner's body in the barn. Sheriff Reid was immediately notified and steps taken to apprehend the fugitive.

The sheriff's forces, with the rural policemen and a posse of citizens scoured the country all day yesterday in search of Barksdale, but up to a late hour yesterday afternoon he had not been apprehended. A trail which he left behind him showed that he went toward Renno from the home of Mr. Johnson and from there went to the home of Dr. Taylor where he had his wound dressed. He avoided suspicion there by telling the physician the same story that he had told Mr. Johnson. The officers lost track of the trail after he left Dr. Taylor's though both Sheriff Reid and the rural policemen yesterday said that they had reasonable hope that they would catch him before he got far away.

A considerable body of men were gathered at the scene of the homicide yesterday afternoon, but according to reports from that vicinity there is little excitement.

## MRS. JOSEPHINE CANNON

**Died at Home of Her Daughter Early  
Saturday Morning.**

Mrs. Josephine Bobo Cannon, widow of the late W. D. Cannon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Knight, near Barksdale, Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral services were held in the Laurens cemetery Saturday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Watson, assisted by Rev. P. F. Kilgo.

Mrs. Cannon was in the 80th year of her age. She had been a lifelong member of Trinity Methodist church and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Geo. Knight and Mrs. W. B. Knight, and several grand-children.

## Friendship Church

There will be a Sunday School rally at Friendship Baptist church on Second Sunday morning, September 10. Mr. Mann, superintendent of Greenville city schools will be present and make an address. Other speakers will also be present. Sunday School at 10 o'clock and other services are to follow. The public is cordially invited.